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APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

**Box Patent Application**

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For: **PRINTING APPARATUS AND A CONTROL METHOD THEREFOR**

☒ Prior Application No. 09/430,840, filed November 1, 1999, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application 08/768,731, filed December 18, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,987,224, and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/361,659, filed July 27, 1999, which is a continuation of 08/730,694, filed on October 11, 1996, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/335,604, filed on November 8, 1994, now U.S. Patent 5,594,653. The entire disclosure of the prior applications is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

Enclosed are the following items:

- A. ☒ Postcard  
B. ☒ Patent Application Data Entry Format  
C. ☐ Other (specify)  
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- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been filed in certain parent applications of this continuing application. These certain parent applications were assigned Serial No.'s. 08/730,694, 08/335,604 and 08/768,731.  
☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the sentence: -- This is a **Continuation** of pending prior application Serial No. filed on which is a continuation of Serial No. filed on which is now abandoned the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.—

- ☒ The benefit of priority under 35 USC 119 is hereby claimed from the following foreign application(s):  
 Japanese Application Serial No. P7-329349, filed 18 December 1995  
 Japanese Application Serial No. P8-57941, filed 14 March 1996  
 Japanese Application Serial No. P8-69645, filed 26 March 1996  
 Japanese Application Serial No. P7-265881, filed 13 October 1995  
 Japanese Application Serial No. P5-278637, filed 08 November 1993  
 Japanese Application Serial No. P5-278638, filed 08 November 1993  
 Japanese Application Serial No. P5-278639, filed 08 November 1993
- ☐ Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim is retained for filing.)
- ☐ Applicant(s) presently intend(s) to file additional papers in this case after receiving an official Filing Receipt. Should the Examiner take this case up for action before receiving such papers, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the attorneys for the applicant(s) at the telephone number shown below.
- ☐ A petition, fee and response has been filed, or a conditional petition is now being filed, in the prior application to extend the term of the pending prior application. Enclosed is a petition for extension of time in the prior application.

## CLAIMS AS FILED (OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY)

CLAIMS	(1) For	(2) Number Filed	(3) Number Extra	(4) Rate	(5) Calculations
	Total Claims (37 CFR 1.16(c))	56 - 20 =	36	x \$18 =	\$648.00
	Independent Claims (37 CFR 1.16(b))	12 - 3 =	9	x \$80 =	\$720.00
	Multiple Dependent Claims (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))			+ \$270=	\$0
	Provisional Application Filing Fee = 150 (37 CFR 1.16(k))				\$ 0
	Basic Fee = (37 CFR 1.16(a))				\$710.00
	TOTAL =				\$2,078.00

- ☒ Applicant(s) believe(s) that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 19-2746 as described below:

- ☒ Charge the total filing fee of \$2,078.00.
- ☒ Charge any additional filing fees as required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17.
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